[Translation]

Financial Provision for IRPP

2540. SHRI CHHATAR SINGH DARBAR : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Governement have decided to ask the various State Governments to ensure adequate financial provision in their respective states during the Ninth Plan to implement New Integrated Rural Power Programme;

(b) whether his Ministry is not satisfied with the achievements made by the States in the said programme; and

(c) if so, whether his Ministry has requested them to accelerate the pace of implementation of their programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Government is not implementing any programme called 'Integrated Rural Power Programme' in the States.

(b) and (c) In view of 'a' above does not arise.

Changing of Tracks for Superfast Trains

2541. SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating any scheme to change the railway tracks for superfast trains; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No Sir, the existing track is fit for superfast trains.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Production in Bokaro Steel Plant

2542. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether continuous case unit of Melting shop No. 2 of Bokaro Steel Plant is ready for the production of Hot Rolled and Cold Rolled from the next month to meet the demand of International quality of steel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether sophisticated technology has also been added in Hot Strip Mill of Bokaro Steel plant of Rs 2000 crore;

(d) if so, whether the said modernise action plans of BSP and other steel plants of SAIL are part of those modernisation plans which is implemented by International Cooperation;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) the action taken by the Government till now to improve zero defect continuous cast slab, production of slab in slabbing Mill, and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (g) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has undertaken stage I modernisation of its Bokaro Steel Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 1792 crores. Among others, Continuous Casting unit in SMS-II and Modification of Hot Strip Mill are the global packages. Continuous Casting Unit consists of two Nos. of Twin strand Continuous Casting Machine which is in advanced stage of completion. Slabbing Mill is not a part of BSL modernisation. The modernisation project is under implementation. Production from the modernised units will commence after the completion and stabilisation of on-going projects.

In addition to Bokaro, SAIL has undertaken modernisation of its plants at Durgapur and Rourkela. The financing of these projects is met by SAIL through internal resources and external borrowings and not by international aid.

Continuous cast slab production will be available from Continuous Casting Unit after its commissioning. The action taken by SAIL to improve zero defect slabs and production of slabs in Slabbing Mill are :

(i) regulation of soaking pit pressure;

(ii) improving availability of soaking pit & mill;

(iii) timely repairs and maintenance; and

(iv) scarfing of slabs.

Complaints against Indian Railway in Consumer Courts

2543. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of cases pending in the Consumer Courts in the Country district-wise and Zone-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to settle these cases outside the Courts?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) A statement is attached.

(b) Cases being *subjudice*, no out of Court settlement is done.

Statement

Division-wise/District-wise break-up of pending Consumer Cases

CENTRAL RAILWAY

Jhansi	8	Bangalore	3	Hosangabad	1
Morena	8	Karimnagar	1	Vidisha	2
Dholpur	4	Jallandhar	1	Guna	2
Mathura	9	Amravati	5	Shivpuri	1
Banda	6	Jalgaon	5	Secunderabad	4
Orai	3	Nasik	10	Madanpalli Road	1
Agra	9	Akola	7	Durg	1
Faridabad	2	Khandwa	3	Chindwara	1
Sultanpur	1	Dhule	1	Chennai	9
Jaipur	3	Yavatmal	2	Amritsar	5
Muzzafarnagar	1	Allahabad	7	Shidhpur	1
Rampur	1	Indore	6	Emakulam	12
Delhi	4	Golagorakhnath	1	Gorakhpur	7
Aligarh	1	Deokali	2	Deoria	3
Chattarpur	1	Kolhapur	1	Rourkela	2
Kanpur	3	Jabalpur	26	Raipur	3
Lucknow	12	Sagar	24	Vishakhapatnam	4
Lalitpur	1	Satna	8	New Delhi	5
Gwalior	17	Narsinghpur	2	Pondicherry	1
Bhopal	32	Rewa	3	Darjeeling	1
Nagpur	13	Damoh	7	Bhagalpur	1
Wardha	2	Sehore	3	Jaunpur	2
Chandrapur	4	Mumbai	60	Goa	1
Buldhana	4	Thane	5	Patna	2
Secunderabad	3	Trivandrum	7	Gulbarga	4
Baroda	1	Kota	3	Pune	43
Sholapur	7	Aurangabad	5	Machilipatnam	1
Hyderabad	8	Quilon	3	Ahmedabad	7
				Total	508

Total number of cases pending on Central Railway - 508

Division-wise/District-wise break up of pending Consumer Cases

EASTERN RAILWAY

Patna	98	Agra	1	Lucknow	4
Darjeeling	4	Barasat	2	Mathura	1
Ballia	3	Bangalore	1	Hyderabad	1
Allahabad	10	Bhubaneswar	1	Malda	6
Munger	10	Faridabad	1	Muzaffarpur	1
Hajipur	1	Balasore	1	Indore	1
Polakkad	1	Bhojpur	5	Merath	1
Bhagalpur	18	Bulandsahar	1	Nagpur	1
Alipore	52	Begusarai	2	Ranchi	3
Hazaribag	2	Behampur	1	Rohtas	1
Madras	1	Burdwan	4	Sasaram	2
Etawa	1	Buxar	3	Rampurhat	1
Bombay	2	Chapra	1	Rampur	1
Himachal Pd.	1	Fatehpur	1	Saharsa	2
Gwalior	1	Kanpur	1	Jind	1
Trichur	1	Balangir (Orissa)	2	Sealdah	1
New Delhi	12	Dallonganj	5	Saharanpur	2
N.F. N.Delhi	1	Dianapur	1	Shimla	1
Dist. Forum Jaipur	1	Deoghar	14	Sahibganj	8
Guwahati	5	Jalpaiguri	2	Sundergarh	2
Howrah	5	Junagarh	1	Suri	2
Gaya	2	Kazlikodi	1	Varanasi	6
Amritsar	1	Faizabad	1	Unnao	1
Giridih	10	Kangra	1	Arrah	5
Azmir	1	Katihar	7	Palamu	1
Kohima	1	Kota	3		
Jammu	1	Kamrup	2		
				Total	373

Total number of cases pending on Eastern Railway - 373

Division-wise/District-wise break-up of pending Consumer Cases

NOTHERN RAILWAY

Allahabad	26	Haridwar	8	Mansa	4
Aligarh	13	Bardoi	7	New Jalpaiguri	1
Agra	2	Hissar	2	Nagore	4
Ambala	3	Hanumangarh	2	Nizamabad	1
Amritsar	5	Jaunpur	3	Nagpur	1
Almora	1	Jammu Tawi (11+1 in High Court)	12	Nanital	1
Bulendshahar	6	Jallandhar	10	Patna	3
Barabanki	4	Jhansi	1	Pali Marwar	4
Barelly	8	Jaipur	35	Pratapgarh	3
Basillr	1	Jodhpur	4	Palghat	1
Basti	2	Jalore	2	Rewari	1
Bijnor	2	Jakhal	1	Rohtak	11
Bikaner	3	Kota	1	Rampur	3
Bhopal	1	Katihar	1	Raibareily	12
Beghsarai	1	Kesargarh	1	Ranchi	1
Bhilwara	1	Kanpur	3	Sriganganagar	3
Chandigarh	11	Lucknow	60	Saharanpur	9
Cuttack	2	Ludhiana	4	Sitapur	3
Dharamshala	1	Lakhimpur	1	Sahajanpur	6
Delhi	38	Mainpuri	2	Shimla	5
Dehradun	2	Moradabad	13	Sultanpur	5
Etawah	7	Meerut	7	Sonbhadra	1
Ferozpur	4	Muzzffarnagar	9	Sangroor	2
Ferozabad	5	Muzaffarpur	50	Sirsa	1
Faizabad	5	Mathura	1	Silliguri	1
Faridkot	4	Morena	1	Uttarkashi	1
Gwalior	1	Mysore	1	Unnao	2
Gaziabad	5	Mumbai	2	Varanasi	10
				Total	463

Total number of cases pending on Northern Railway - 463

Division-wise/District-wise break-up of pending Consumer Cases

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY

Lucknow	16	Agra	3	Siwan	8
Kanpur	8	Pitharagarh	2	Deoria	12
Lakhimpur	10	Bareilly	5	Muzaffarpur	40
Sitapur	6	Badaun	3	Hajipur	7
Basti	13	Mathura	2	Begusarai	14
Gonda	8	Eta	1	Khagaria	1
Bahraich	8	Mau	5	Patna	4
Gorakhpur	15	Azamgarh	3	Madhubani	1
Naugarh	2	Varanasi	4		
Barabanki	1	Ghazipur	7		
				Total	335

Total number of cases pending on North Eastern Railway - 335

Division-wise/District-wise break-up of pending Consumer Cases

SOUTH-CENTRAL RAILWAY

Adilabad	3	Ongelo	4	Jalna	1
Anantpur	8	Visakha-patnam	10	Jhansi	1
Chittoor	4	Warangal	4	Kesargad	1
Cuddapah	4	Akola	1	Kottayam	1
Guntor	3	Ajmer	2	Madurai	2
Hyderabad	46	Bijapur	1	Parbhani	10
Kakinada	12	Belgaum	1	Puri	1
Khamam	6	Chanderpur	1	Sangli	2
Kurnool	4	Cuttack	1	Ujjain	1
Machlipatnam	15	Delhi	1	Trivandrum	1
Nellore	7	Indore	1		
				Total	160

Total number of cases pending on South Central Railway - 160

Division-wise/District-wise break-up of pending Consumer Cases

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

Darjeeling	13	Agartala	1	Raiganj	1
Karimganj	1	Bongaigaon	2	Diphu	2
Katihar	9	Purnia	1	Sibsagar	1
Coochbehar	1	Silchar	1	Shillong	1
Jalpaiguri	2	Dhubri	1	Barpeta	1
Guwahati	11	Nagaon	1	Nalbari	1
Dibrugarh	1	Jorhat	3		
				Total	55

Total number of cases pending on Northeast Frontier Railway - 55

Division-wise/District-wise break-up of pending Consumer Cases

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Madras	34	Palghat	57	Other Zones	48
Madurai	20	Trivandrum	62		
Bangalore & Mysore	21	Tiruchirapalli	4		
				Total	246

Total number of cases pending on Southern Railway - 246

Division-wise/District-wise break-up of pending Consumer Cases

SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Hemagiri	55	Chakradhar Pur	62	Waltair	75
Kharagpur	37	Sambalpur	5	Khurda Road	68
Nagpur	65	Bilaspur	69	Adra	37
				Total	473

Total number of cases pending on South Eastern Railway-473.

Division-wise/District-wise break-up of pending Consumer Cases

WESTERN RAILWAY

Ahmedabad	29	Farukhabad	4	Nagore	1
Ajmer	27	Firozabad	3	Nallore	1
Anantpur	2	Gaziabad	3	Navsari	1
Allapuza	1	Godhra	3	Nagpur	1
Alwar	3	Hoshingabad	1	Nadiad	1
Akola	1	Hyderabad	5	Narnaul	1
Amroha	1	Indore	8	Palanpur	5
Agra	1	Jaipur	29	Pallakad	1
Anantpur	2	Jodhpur	6	Patna	1
Bharatpur Jn.	7	Junagarh	8	Rajkot	5
Bangalore	1	Jamnagar	4	Ratlam	11
Bhilwara	3	Jabalpur	1	Sawai Madhopur	12
Buldana	1	Jalgaon	1	Sangli	1
Bharuch	4	Jamshedpur	1	Shivpur	1
Bhubaneswar	1	Kota	19	Surendranagar	1
Bhopal	3	Kollam	1	Sehore	3
Baran	1	Kottayam	1	Shajapur	2
Beherai	1	Khandwa	1	Surat	16
Bhuj	2	Lucknow	2	Sirohi	3
Bhavnagar	2	Lakhimpurkhiri	1	Sikar	1
Bhiwani	1	Lalitpur	1	Saina	1
Chitorgarh	3	Mumbai	31	Thane	1
Chandigarh	1	Mehsana	3	Tiruchchirapalli	1
Dausa	1	Mathura	2	Udaipur	3
Dewas	1	Mandsore	5	Ujjain	3
Delhi	5	Madras	1	Vadodara	20
Elahabad	3	Madurai	1		
Etawa	4	Moradabad	2		
				Total	358

Total number of cases pending on Western Railway - 358.

Digital Network

2544. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the performances of recently launched Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) is not upto the mark;